

An Editorial
THE ROAD TO THE TRENCHES.



THE MAGNET OF DEATH

THE ROAD TO THE TRENCHES IS PAVED WITH LOANS.

The American people know this through bitter experience. They learnt it in 1917 and they have not forgotten.

That is why the Roosevelt Administration and the leaders of Congress swore up and down when the Neutrality Bill was up for revision last October, that it would mean ABSOLUTELY NO WAR LOANS OR CREDITS TO BELLIGERENTS.

They gave their solemn word to the people and wrote it into the Neutrality Act itself.

But before the ink was dry on that document, the Senate leaders were already expressing partiality to one side in the imperialist war: to the side of British and French imperialism.

This un-neutrality in thought, which was sponsored by President Roosevelt, was the first step to un-neutrality in action.

It was the beginning of the betrayal of the pledge to keep America from becoming involved. It was the first step in the destruction of American neutrality itself.

Now the government is taking the next step. It is considering war loans to General Mannerheim and the Finnish White Guard forces. With 10,000,000 unemployed and the relief budget being slashed, Congress is making its major concern these war loan measures:

Rep. Hook of Michigan has a bill in the House for a \$60,000,000 loan to the butcher Mannerheim. Senator Carter Glass says he fully approves of such a bill "even if we have to borrow the money."

Senator Key Pittman, the Administration's spokesman in the Senate on

foreign affairs and chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, proposes that Mannerheim get \$100,000,000 of the people's money.

Rep. Dingell has a bill to sell Mannerheim a million rifles at \$1 a piece. (Does a doughboy go with each rifle?) Senator Brown has a bill to authorize an RFC loan to Finland—in direct violation of the spirit of the Neutrality Act.

Where is American neutrality NOW? Where are the fine speeches of the President and the Congressional leaders? Where are the pledges which they made to the people and which the people believed?

All are cynically dismissed as American neutrality is tossed out the window and the Administration goes off on a wild spree of hatred and war activity against the Soviet Union.

The American people are determined that America stay at peace. But they must show that determination by blocking these schemes to finance General Mannerheim. For war loans are like a loadstone which would irresistibly draw the young manhood of America into the trenches of Europe.

Let your own Congressmen hear your voice on this life and death issue. And write to Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Tell them that the American people will not stand for loans to Mannerheim or for any other steps which would destroy American neutrality. The American people know the road to No Man's Land and they are determined to shun it.

We repeat:
THE ROAD TO THE TRENCHES IS PAVED WITH LOANS.

—by Ellis

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HOUSE PASSES ANTI-LYNCH BILL BY 251 TO 132 VOTE

British Raid Helgoland; Nazis Sink Seven Ships

Allied Bombs Fall on Danish Territory at Isle of Sylt

LONDON, Jan. 10 (UP).—The British air force today bombed Germany's Helgoland Bay bases while German planes made machine-gunning and bombing attacks on merchant ships during the last 48 hours, sinking at least seven ships and damaged 10 others.

The Air Ministry announced that Royal Air Force planes before dawn bombed near the island of Sylt, believed to be a main base for German seaplanes laying mines and attacking merchant shipping, and that either British or German bombs had fallen on Danish territory.

The Air Ministry communique describing the bombing attack near the island of Sylt said:

"During last night aircraft of the RAF were again engaged in patrol over enemy seaplane bases and bombs were dropped near the island of Sylt. It is reported from Denmark that damage was done to Danish property adjoining the frontier in the early hours of this morning."

(The German Air Ministry announced that three of nine British bombers were shot down over Helgoland Bay early this afternoon and that the German planes, outnumbered more than two to one, all returned safely to their bases.)

Reich Workers May Get Part Pay in Script

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (UP).—Wages of German workers may be paid partly in "promissory notes," or script, it was revealed today in a Das Schwazze Korps, organ of the Nazi SS bodyguard troops.

It was learned in industrial circles that the plan had been considered for some time and was experimented with privately by several German firms just before Christmas.

According to these sources, the plan now under consideration is to pay 10 per cent of wages in IOU's half to be deposited in savings banks for general war use and the other half to go to State institutions.

The article in Das Schwazze Korps was entitled: "Work more—consume less!" and continued:

"Since we have not had unemployment for a long time and since we have already used up most of our possibilities for rationalization for the time being, our rising war production can only be continued if we supply less labor to the satisfaction of private needs."

"Personal over-consumption" was criticized, the organ commenting: "It must be considered as serious offense on the home front as cowardice or lack of discipline on the military front."

Senator Nye Warns 'Loans' to White-Guards Is Step to War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Senator Nye, Republican, of North Dakota, warned today that passage of pending resolutions to lend \$60,000,000 to White-Guard Finland for its conflict with the Soviet Union would be "a step toward war."

"Any step to aid any belligerent is a warlike act," he said. "It is a step toward war."

"I hate some of those European situations, but my hate is not strong enough to make me want to jeopardize our institutions, as they would be jeopardized if we became involved in a war."

Local Scouting And Artillery Action on Finnish Front

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Thursday, Jan. 11.—Red Army units yesterday engaged in scouting and artillery action as the main activities on the Finnish front, this morning's military communique said.

Except for the minor local activities, nothing of importance occurred at the front.

The air force was able to make only reconnaissance flights because of inclement weather, which has grounded the Soviet airplanes for long periods since the Finnish operations started.

The communique said:

"Nothing of importance took place at the front on Jan. 10."

"There were activities of scouts and at some places artillery fire."

"Owing to unfavorable weather, the Soviet air force made only reconnaissance flights."

'Croppers in 7 States Plan Wash. Protest

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 10 (UP).—John Day, organizer for the CIO Cotton States Council, said sharecroppers of seven states would carry the story of their economic plight to Washington and the Farm Security Administration. An appeal will be made for the FSA to work out some plan to assure farm workers homes and employment on a more secure basis.

Missouri's eight delegates will be selected at various meetings to-night, Day said. They will join similar delegations from Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma on Jan. 15 for the journey to Washington.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 sharecroppers and tenant farmers here have been ordered to leave their homes by midnight.

Deep snow and freezing rain over most of the seven "boot-heel" counties of Missouri served to keep many in their homes despite the eviction orders. Those who chose to move camped in a 60-acre tract in Butler county bought for the homeless by the St. Louis Committee for the Rehabilitation of Sharecroppers after last year's demonstration.

Special details of state police patrolling highways in the area reported no indications of another mass exodus.

House to Rush War Funds Through as FBI Prepares Raids

\$1,475,000 of Fund to Be Used by G-Men in Preparing New Palmer Raids; Debate Starts Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The House Appropriations Committee today rushed to the floor a \$267,197,908 deficiency bill—not to take care of the unemployed but to expand the Army and the Navy and to enable the FBI to crack down on thousands of persons during war-time.

Debate on the appropriation, which is an outgrowth of the President's program for increasing armaments, will begin tomorrow, and passage is expected on Friday.

One of the most significant items in the bill is a \$1,475,000 supplementary appropriation which is intended to enable the F.B.I. to make mass raids on individuals and organizations opposing America participation in war.

Testimony by J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. head, before the Appropriations Committee which was made public today revealed that this was the real purpose for the request for new funds for the F.B.I. which was already granted \$7,300,000 for the current fiscal year.

Hoover said that indices of names have been arranged so that "at any time, should we enter into the conflict abroad" the F.B.I. would be able "to identify individuals or groups who might be a source of grave danger to the security of the country."

Dilatatory tactics of the Appropriations Committee in stalling all relevant legislation.

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Sen. Clark Backs Bill to Prevent Flag Switching

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Sen. Bennett C. Clark, D. Mo., today sponsored a bill to prohibit transfer of American ships to foreign registry by sale, lease or any other method.

The measure was introduced for Clark, who is ill, by his Missouri colleague, Sen. Harry Truman. It was said to be designed to stop transfers such as the recent sale by the United States Lines of several of its vessels to a Norwegian corporation, of whose stock the U. S. Lines owns 40 per cent, and the same firm's unsuccessful effort to transfer eight of its ships to Panamanian registry.

Southern Tories Make Threats to Defy Law

Anti-Negro Speeches Mark Passage in Heated Debate

By Adam Lavin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—The House today passed the Gavagan anti-lynching bill by the decisive margin of 251 to 132.

Passage of the bill was preceded by a torrent of bitter anti-Negro oratory from Tory Southern Congressmen and by several attempts to weigh the legislation down with unworkable amendments.

One hundred and nine Democrats, 140 Republicans, one American Laborite and two Progressives voted for the bill, while 123 Democrats and eight Republicans opposed it. Sixteen members were paired and 25 did not vote. There are 11 vacancies.

Supporters of the measure in the Senate are believed to have about the same two to one majority in favor of the bill as was given the measure by the House.

Despite this fact, the anti-lynching bill faced a very serious snag as it was sent over to the Senate for consideration.

The first move to kill the bill will come in an attempt to keep it pigeon-holed until the end of the session in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Should the measure reach the floor, a group of reactionary Southerners headed by Senator Tom Connally of Texas has threatened to stage a prolonged filibuster.

The anti-lynching bill imposes penalties on state and local officials who fail in protecting persons in their jurisdiction from lynch mobs.

CIO FEARS SECTION

An amendment offered by Rep. Joseph Gavagan of New York, author of the bill, to strike out of the definition of a lynch mob a definite exemption for labor unions was the only change approved during the day.

Gavagan maintained that unions had adequate protection without the clause which he moved to strike out, but CIO officials feared that this change opened the bill up to misinterpretation by reactionary courts.

As the debate approached its close, Tory Southern Congressmen lost all restraint and unleashed a series of anti-Negro speeches as well as a bitter personal attack on Rep. Gavagan.

"You are trying to placate a few Nigger Communists who are infesting the gallery," Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi shouted.

Rankin told gory stories of alleged rapes by Negroes and made an open defense of lynching.

"What would have happened in

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EXTRA Blast Traps 80 Miners, 2 Known Dead

Blast Rips Coal Mine in West Virginia—Rescue Crews at Work

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 10 (UP).—The West Virginia Department of mining said tonight that 80 men still are trapped in the Bartley mine near where an explosion took two lives this afternoon.

The explosion occurred at a mine owned by the Pond Creek Poca-hontas Coal Co. in McDowell County.

The condition of the men in the mine was not determined immediately, rescue crews are at work attempting to reach the trapped men, officials reported.

Weather

Local—Slowly rising temperature with increasing cloudiness; light snow.

Eastern New York—Cloudy with slowly rising temperature and light snow.

New Jersey—Cloudy with slowly rising temperature.

Sections Compete to Aid Browder Election Drive

Yorkville Pledges 100 Canvassers; 1,000 Signatures Already Secured to Place C. P. Candidate on Congress Ballot

Indicating the interest aroused in Earl Browder's candidacy for Congress in the 14th District, is the letter received by the Browder Campaign Committee at 144 Second Ave., from the Brownsville-East New York Section of the Communist Party, promising 100 canvassers in the election drive.

The letter by heads of the section, Ben Davis and Mike Ludlow, came in response to an appeal by the State Committee for all possible support to this nationally significant special election.

The election, to fill the vacancy left with the death of Congressman William Slavich, will take place on February 6.

Already over 1,000 signatures were collected to put Browder on the ballot, Bob Appel, manager of the campaign said.

100 BROOKLYN CANVASSERS
The letter promising the 100 canvassers from a Brooklyn section, was addressed to Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn's County Chairman who has taken time off from his regular duties to be chairman of the Browder Campaign Committee.

"The Party in Brownsville and East New York recognizes the campaign of Earl Browder for

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'Unfit to Govern,' Lewis Mumford Wrote In 1919 of Mannerheim Regime; Shown as Puppet in Anti-Soviet War

Sensational evidence of the bestial tyranny of the Mannerheim regime of Finland and its long-arranged role as a military leader of war against the Soviet Union is brought to light in the evidence which was given in 1919 by Lewis Mumford, noted American writer, in an article which he wrote for the Dial magazine June 14, 1919.

To American readers who have wondered just why the American press has carefully played down the names of Mannerheim and Ryti, the two rulers of the Helsinki Government, Mumford's contemporary evidence gives the answer. The name of Mannerheim is foul in the nostrils of the working class and the decent people of Europe. In Mumford's words, based on contemporary observation, "THE STORY OF WHITE TERROR DISCLOSES THE

MANIFEST UNFITNESS OF THAT MANNERHEIM GOVERNMENT TO RULE FINLAND."

Special interest attaches to Mumford's revelations way back in 1919 American money was pouring into Mannerheim's hands for counter-revolutionary war against the young Socialist government. The most vivid passages of Mumford's article follow:

WHOLESALE MASSACRE

"... General Mannerheim himself sums up in his personal inheritance the main characteristics of the present ruling classes. Born in Finland of Teutonic Junker stock and trained in Russia under the Czarist regime, he brings to the government of his native land an enviable equipment in cruelty, arrogance, rapacity and chicanery. To the

degree that he fails to represent the Finnish people he represents the more adequately the present government."

"The details of Mannerheim's methods have no place outside the police court records of sanguinary crime, or the psychoanalyst's monograph on the phenomenon of sadism. Wholesale imprisonment and widespread summary execution represent but the superficial aspects of this attitude to suppress popular (social-democratic) government."

"According to a report of representatives of all Scandinavian Socialist parties, conditions in the camps for the detention of Red prisoners have been indescribably horrible. Starvation and filth have achieved in slow inex-

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JAPANESE RETREAT UNDER DRIVING CHINESE ATTACK

Two Columns Close in on Invaders Along Canton Railway; Report Heavy Casualties to Tokio Forces Now Falling Back

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, China, Jan. 10.—Japanese troops are retreating with heavy losses under the blows of a Chinese attack in Central China along the northern part of the Canton-Hankow railway, it was reported today in military dispatches.

On Monday a Chinese column captured Yuntan, an important point on the Canton-Hankow railway west of Tsinghua. On the same day a right flank column captured Tsinghua, west of Yuntan. The left flank column is successfully advancing on Tsengcheng.

In South China three columns of Chinese troops are advancing southwards towards Canton. In eastern Kwangtung Chinese captured several points near Chaochow. In nearby Kwangsi province the Nanning sector is also active.

Chinese occupied several points on the Nanning-Tsingchow highway during the past few days, driving to within nine miles of Nanning by Tuesday.

On the same day Chinese occupied Tsiaotang, 20 miles northeast of Nanning, inflicting losses of 1,000 men on the Japanese.

On the border of the Central China provinces of Hunan and Hupeh, Chinese took Yanlowtung and Shuankankow.

In southern Honan, northwest of Sinyang, the Chinese drove back an enemy detachment of 1,000 infantrymen and 300 cavalry troops, and the Chinese resumed the initiative in operations.

2 British Laborites Resign, Join CP to Rebuke Gov't Policy

Two Divisional Officers Declare War Is 'Not for Democracy,' Flay Betrayals by Labor Party Leadership

(Inter-Continental News)

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The secretary of Upton Divisional Labor Party, West Ham, and the assistant secretary, have resigned on the war issue and have joined the Communist Party.

J. S. Layzelle, the secretary, was also secretary of Upton Ward Association, a delegate to West Ham Central Labor Party, a member of the executive committee of the Central Labor Party, and a member of the Joint Consultative Committee.

In a statement to a meeting of the Labor Party Mr. Layzelle declared the war was not one for democracy.

"Did the National Government defend democracy in Manchuria, Ethiopia, or Spain, in Czechoslovakia, Austria or Albania?" he asked. "Did it not rather do the opposite?"

"Anyone who, after the actions of the National Government during the Spanish people's fight for freedom, still believes that it intends fighting Fascism, is to say the least, incapable of reason." When Mr. Layzelle announced his intention of resigning from the Labor Party, the assistant secretary was asked to take his place, but she also resigned to join the Communist Party.

The meeting rejected Attlee's war policy by 22 votes to 10.

Harry L. Self, prospective Labor Parliamentary candidate for Eye Division, Suffolk has also resigned from the Labor Party owing to disagreement with its policy, and has joined the Communist Party.

In a statement to the Divisional Executive Committee of the Labor Party, Mr. Self said the Chamberlain Government had sabotaged every effort for peace and had led the people into a war which could have been avoided.

"It placed every obstacle in the way of an all-inclusive peace pact between Britain, France and the USSR," he said. "And now, as a result of the political truce, Chamberlain escapes all responsibility for the treachery of non-intervention in Spain, and the betrayal of China, Ethiopia, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

In these circumstances, he said, it is little short of suicide to invite the workers to cooperate with the imperialist warmongers.

"National unity means increased profits for the wealthy and a continually decreasing standard of life for the workers."

Mr. Self was one of the founders of Eye Divisional Labor Party after the last war, and has been prospective Labor candidate at Parliamentary elections for the Division since 1933.

At the last election he increased Labor's vote by 60 per cent to a total of 7,613.

U. S. Envoy to Rome Confers with Ciano

ROME, Jan. 10 (UP).—United States Ambassador William Phillips conferred today with Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano at the Foreign Office for half an hour. It was their first discussion since Phillips returned from a visit to Paris.

Board of Trade Asks Outlawing Of Strikes

Mayor Speaks to Annual Gathering; Fails to Defend Labor Act

The New York Board of Trade utilized its annual luncheon at the Astor Hotel yesterday as a springboard to launch a reactionary attack on labor unions and the right of workers to strike and bargain collectively.

Emboldened by the general opposition to progressive social legislation expressed by the Roosevelt administration and the administration war preparations, the businessmen unanimously adopted a resolution calling for amendments of the Wagner National Labor Relations Act to nullify all clauses defending the rights of workingmen.

Mayor LaGuardia, who addressed the gathering immediately after the resolution was adopted, discussed a national tax revision plan but did not come to the defense of the Wagner Act, which he heretofore characterized as one of the most important pieces of national legislation.

He made no reference to the Wagner Act in his speech.

The Board of Trade resolution was sent to Howard W. Smith, chairman of the House Committee Investigating the National Labor Relations Act; Elbert D. Thomas, chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, and Mary T. Norton, chairman of the House Committee on Labor.

It referred to a letter sent by the Board to the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1937 asking for outright repeal of the Wagner Act as the basis for the present appeal against labor.

WOULD OUTLAW STRIKES

In this letter the Board of Trade urged that strikes should be outlawed by defining in the law "legal and illegal strikes."

The resolution asks that the Wagner Act now be "rewritten in the light of experience" to "correct the labor strife."

Permitting the resolution to go unopposed, Mayor LaGuardia spoke on one of his favorite themes, tax revision.

He urged that the Federal Government should be empowered by law to levy and collect all taxes except local administration and club taxes.

Such a system, he said, would put states which now have income taxes on a parity with those who today have none.

The Mayor did not propose legislation to secure new sources of revenue for social services which have been threatened in the new proposed Roosevelt war budget and in LaGuardia's recent message to the New York City Council urging stringent economy in municipal spending.

ASKS UNIFIED TAX

He proposed that the Federal Government adopt a unified tax system, collect the taxes and work out a formula to return credits to the states and municipalities to finance local responsibilities.

The present cigarette taxes, the Mayor said, should be unified under Federal control throughout the country, with the Federal Government adopting a tobacco tax and returning a percentage of the levy to the governments of the localities where the tobacco is sold.

"This," he added, "would stop unfair competition between neighboring states or even counties. It would simplify the cost of collection and yield a substantial income."

Bolivia Denies Decree On Imports Control

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Jan. 10 (UP).—The Foreign Office today disclaimed responsibility for a report published by the U. S. Department of Commerce that Bolivia had decreed control of imports.

The report, which appeared in a Commerce Department bulletin last September, was not official, the Foreign Office said.



CHURCH LEADERS protested to President Roosevelt the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Vatican, charging a threat to traditional American separation of Church and State. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver (left) and E. Hilton Jackson, Baptist officials from the South, joined with leaders of the Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist Churches at a conference with the President.

House to Rush War Funds Through as FBI Prepares Raids

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quests for WPA funds contracted with the breakneck haste with which this arms bill is being rushed through.

Rep. Clifton Woodrum, chairman of the Subcommittee which handled the bill, has repeatedly gone on record in opposition to a deficiency appropriation to meet the relief crisis in Ohio and other states. A similar stand has been taken by administration officials.

An additional appropriation of \$116,218,345 for the War Department in the new measure designed to carry out the administration's armaments program will bring the total for that department to more than \$858,000,000 for the fiscal year 1940.

With a boost of \$145,082,338 for the Navy Department in the bill, Naval funds for the current fiscal year will soar even higher—with a grand total of about \$923,000,000.

Most of the new \$1,475,000 grant for the Coast Guard as well as several millions in the Navy appropriation are for the purpose of maintaining a so-called neutrality patrol around the Western Hemisphere which many observers believe will actually endanger American neutrality.

HOOPER PREPARES RED RAIDS

J. Edgar Hoover, who was one of the men in charge of the Palmer "red" raids in 1920, made it plain when he testified before the Appropriations Committee that he will be all set, if he receives his supplementary grant, to do the same job all over again but on a larger scale.

He declared that the establishment of a general intelligence division in Washington immediately after the outbreak of the war in September "was made necessary by the President's proclamation directing that all complaints of violations of the National Defense Statutes and proclamations be reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

F. B. I. chief Hoover then made the following startling disclosure concerning this general intelligence division which is under his supervision:

"This division has now compiled extensive indices of individuals, groups and organizations engaged in these subversive activities, in espionage activities, or any activities that are possibly detrimental to the internal security of the United States."

In view of Hoover's anti-labor background as well as his sweeping reference to "any activities that are possibly detrimental," it was considered virtually certain that he has carefully filed for the eventual crack-down during war time the names of thousands of active trade unionists and progressive leaders.

WITCHHUNT LIST

"The indices have been arranged not only alphabetically but also geographically," Hoover continued, "so that at any time should we enter into the conflict abroad we would be able to go into any of these communities and identify individuals or groups who might be a source of grave danger to the security of this country."

"Their backgrounds and activities are known to the Bureau. These indices will be extremely important and valuable in grave emergency."

Hoover did his best to make the members of the Appropriations Committee as jittery as possible concerning a widespread danger of espionage.

He told the Committee that the F. B. I. had received 1,851 "complaints" involving espionage and sabotage during the fiscal year 1939, and no less than 214 complaints a day at present "necessitating investigation action."

What he neglected to tell the committee was that there were only 16 convictions out of the 1,851 complaints during the fiscal year 1939. On the contrary, he attempted to make it appear that most of these complaints were actually valid.

Rep. Louis Ludlow asked Hoover, "What percentage" of these complaints "are you able to dispose of as being preposterous on their face?"

"Not any of these 214 are of that character," Hoover replied.

"What is your experience as to the percentage of the complaints that have not any substance?" Ludlow asked.

"A comparatively small percentage of them," Hoover answered—lying in the face of the actual record of convictions.

Britain Asks 10,000 Planes From America

Tells U. S. It Must Aid Her in Getting Lead Over Germany

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—British purchasing officials here have informed aviation circles that they will need a minimum of 10,000 more American planes during the next 18 months to assure air supremacy over Germany, it was learned today.

The estimates were based on a survey of probable production schedules in Great Britain, and France in the light of what Germany may be expected to add to its air force.

British and French combined production was estimated in authoritative quarters at about 1,500 planes monthly. They have orders in American plants for roughly 5,000 planes. Britain was reported reliable as expecting to reach a peak production of about 2,200 planes a month by May.

The 10,000 aircraft estimate was based on the assumption that peak production in Britain would be reached by May.

The American Aircraft Industry is now geared to produce between 1,700 and 1,800 planes per month.

Public Debate Set on Ouster of Hore-Belisha

Resigned Minister to Make Statement in House of Commons

LONDON, Jan. 10 (UP).—The government agreed today to hold a parliamentary debate on the ouster of Leslie Hore-Belisha as war minister when the House of Commons reconvenes next Tuesday after its Christmas recess.

The government's consent to a full debate on the issue, most sensational political development in Britain since the start of the war, was given after Major Clement R. Attlee, Laborite leader in Commons, conferred at No. 10 Downing Street with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

On Tuesday Hore-Belisha will make a personal statement regarding his resignation last Friday, now generally regarded as a forced resignation, and Chamberlain will follow with an explanation of the Cabinet shake-up.

[The question of British plans to speed up war moves against the Soviet Union in Finland and Scandinavia was reliably understood to be the center of the Hore-Belisha sacking.]

Fortification Of Guam Stirs Senate Dispute

Admiral Asks Huge Increase in Naval Vessels

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—A new Congressional dispute broke out today over renewal of the navy's request for fortification of the Island of Guam.

Criticism of the Guam proposal came from Sens. Alva B. Adams, Col. Guy M. Gillette, Ia., and Scott W. Lucas, Ill., and William E. Borah, R. Idaho.

In a related development Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, testified that even a 25 per cent increase in fleet strength would not be enough.

The Guam issue, sidetracked by the House last year, flared in debate in the Senate during discussion of President Roosevelt's budget and an accompanying request for boosting army and navy expenditures.

Chairman Carl Vinson, D. Ga., of the House Naval Affairs Committee, announced he would seek to block on technical grounds appropriation of any funds for Guam because Congress had not enacted legislation authorizing it.

In the Senate, chairman David I. Walsh, D. Mass., of the naval affairs committee, interspersed a general defense of the Guam proposal with a vigorous denunciation of Vinson's Bill.

French Report Patrols Active On West Front

PARIS, Jan. 10 (UP).—Intense patrol activity continued last night and yesterday on the Western Front, the French War Office announced today. Both sides engaged in reconnaissance and there were several small actions.

The 258th French war communiqué said: "There were actions by both artillery and reconnaissance elements, especially east and west of the Vosges. Aerial activity was resumed."

BERLIN, Jan. 10 (UP).—The German High Command said today that there was "somewhat increased artillery activity at some places" on the western front.

'Unfit to Govern,' Mumford Wrote of Mannerheim Regime

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orable fashion what lead and steel do happily in a shorter period. This report is corroborated by the independent testimony of a correspondent of the New Statesman (London), in a communication dated February, 1919. . . . Given in round numbers, they err on the side of conservatism:

Executed: 10,000.

Died in Prison: 10,000.

Exiled: 50,000.

" . . . The new Socialist representatives number 80 out of a total of 200, and when due allowance is made for the starved, executed, the exiled and the jailed it appears that the Party has positively grown in strength under persecution. Notwithstanding their position, the Socialists are not represented in the present government, and as long as the dictatorship of Mannerheim continues with the connivance and subsidy of the Big Four—practically one-fourth of the population of Finland will be living under alien and autocratic rule."

AIDED BY U. S. FUNDS

" . . . The Allies have stepped into the place vacated by the defeated autocracy of Germany, and are supporting the methods so ably developed by the Mannerheim-Vonder Goltz regime. This support has been of threefold nature: financial, munitionary and moral. As for the first, it is pretty well authenticated that a shipment of gold, intended to stiffen the Kerensky regime before the American government realized that the first republic was on its last legs, was halted before it reached Russia, and that it has since been diverted into the channels of such law and order as White Terror stands for. Since the debacle of Germany the munitions have naturally been supplied from allied sources, including America, and the British fleet has gone so far as to contribute naval support to military operations around the Baltic. This has strengthened the internal control of the counter-revolutionists, and has made possible an interventionist campaign in Russia. Finally, the Allies have backed these material contributions with a "moral" offensive. They have taken the opportunity through the daily press to whitewash the sanguinary exploits of the White Guard, and to reinforce this expression of approval by diplomatic recognition of the government which this Guard keeps in power."

WAR AGAINST U.S.S.R.

"The story of the White Terror discloses the manifest unfitness of the Mannerheim government to rule Finland. Was it in spite of this unfitness or because of it that the Allies have bolstered it up? . . . It (White Terror) exists to keep the economic status quo intact, and is willing to utilize any more or less powerful group which has the same end in view. All the better if in the Baltic region, the Allied governments can supply munitions, money and moral authority, and allow the hired forces of the Junker capitalist group to do the dirty work."

"There is an obvious fitness in the Mannerheim government for the commission of the sanguinary task of extermination imposed upon it by the logic of the situation in Russia. Finland is a bulwark against Bolshevism; the stronger the present government becomes, the stronger grows this bulwark. With plenty of material equipment, such for example as the famous Lewisite exterminator now in the hands of the United States government, there is no reason to suppose that a White Guard invading Russia should not be able to live up to its past performances, and possibly (for Lewisite seems to make it possible) to go beyond its best achievements in the way of butchery and torture."

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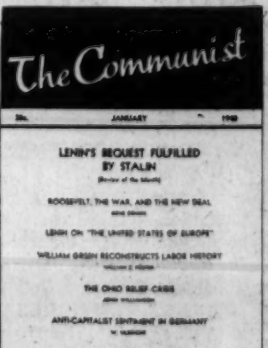
JANUARY 'COMMUNIST' IN NEW FORMAT

A marked improvement is to be noted in the new format in which the January issue of *The Communist* appears this week. Its handy size, somewhat similar to *Reader's Digest*, enables the reader to carry it without difficulty, or slip it into the pocket if desired. Its new color scheme is inviting, the type legible, and, despite the smaller trim-size, it contains just as much material as previously—not a word less.

The contents of the January issue sets a high standard for the new year of 1940. The articles follow:

Lenin's Bequest Fulfilled by Stalin (Review of the Month) . . . A. B. Roosevelt, the War and the New Deal . . . Gene Dennis
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Anti-Trust Laws and the Attacks on Labor . . . Harry Martel
The History of the C. P. U. and the Propagation of Marxism-Leninism in the World Communist Movement . . . Book Reviews

We can think of no better New Year Resolution than that of reading and getting new readers for *The Communist* consistently each month. The January issue should be a real incentive to do so.



IN NEW FORMAT—Cover of "The Communist," magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published by the Communist Party, is reproduced above.

Defense Committee Calls Starnes Bill Attack on U. S. People

Group Urges Letter Drive On Congress

Points Out Bill Hits All Americans, Not Just Foreign-Born

Warning that the Starnes Bill is "an attack upon the security of the American people, and not merely a 'deportation' bill," the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 70 Fifth Ave., yesterday urged its members and associates to write to their United States Senators requesting the defeat of the measure, which was sent to a Congressional Conference Committee after being passed by the Senate with an amendment.

"The provisions of the Starnes Bill, H. R. 6724, are unnecessary," the Committee's statement read, "since existing statutes are sufficient to cope with the problems of sabotage and espionage that may exist. The Starnes Bill, although unnecessary, is being used to stimulate an hysteria behind which other so-called anti-alien bills can be passed."

"This kind of legislation affects American citizens as much as it does non-citizens. It can be used to deprive Americans of their democratic and constitutional rights, with the false claim that we are thereby safeguarding our national defense."

"The non-citizen and the foreign-born in no way threaten the safety or security of the American people. Instead it is the proposed legislation which is the threat to American democracy, and not the alien."

The Committee pointed out that the Starnes Bill was reported out of Senate Committee without appropriate hearings being held to enable opponents to the bill to voice their opinion and severely criticized Senator Reynolds' assertion that the United States "coddles and pampers" aliens. The Committee characterized Senator Reynolds' statement as un-American and charged that the Senator is eager to have the non-citizen treated in the same inhuman way that Germany treats the Jewish people. This, the Committee said, would result eventually in the destruction of democratic rights in America. The Committee maintained that continuation of an humane American policy toward the immigrant will best serve to protect democracy in this country.

House Passes Anti-Lynch Bill, 251-132

Anti-Negro Speeches Mark Passage in Heated Debate

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your community?" he asked, after telling one of his goriest stories. He described the measure as "a bill to encourage lynching and re-elect Gavan" and said it would "encourage Negroes to chase white children from the parks."

TORIES THREATEN MORE LYNCHINGS

Several Southern opponents of the bill threatened that there would be an increase of lynchings in their community if it were passed.

"You pass this bill and the sheriff in my town will be somewhere else when a crowd gathers to lynch a Negro," Rep. W. R. Poage of Texas declared.

Rep. William M. Colmer of Mississippi attacked Gavan sharply because he is the Congressman from Harlem with its large Negro population.

He slandered the bill as an "attempt to rape the constitution." Gavan read into the record newspaper clippings from this morning's newspapers which told how a lynch mob is gathering in Mississippi—home state of both Colmer and Rankin.

Active in peppering proponents of crippling amendments to the bill with questions was Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York laborite.

Colmer introduced an amendment to make the bill apply to gangsters which was defeated by a vote of 105 to 53.

MARCANTONIO CHALLENGES COLMER

Marcantonio asked Colmer if it was not true that passage of his amendment would simply have the effect of making the entire bill unworkable.

Rep. Clare Hoffman of Michigan, one of the most bitter anti-labor Congressmen in the House, introduced a series of three amendments designed to penalize strikers who allegedly keep persons from entering industrial plants. The amendment was defeated by 87 to 24.

An amendment by Rep. Rankin to strike out the enacting clause, which would have made the bill meaningless, was defeated by 128 to 24.

Reminder of Death on Roadside



IN CLEVELAND'S CAMPAIGN TO KEEP ITS SAFETY RECORD SLATE CLEAN: As part of the newly inaugurated drive against jaywalkers and reckless drivers, Cleveland, "safest big city in America" in 1939, places reminders at busy traffic intersections.

Milk Grading Dropped; Trust Will Profit

Health Board Plan Will Result in Further Price Boost

The latest move to limit the sale of milk to Grade A only and eliminate Grade B from the market, threatens to raise the price of milk for the consumer.

J. O. Eastlack, secretary of the New York Metropolitan Distributors' Bargaining Agency, announced yesterday that the Board of Health's plan for a single grade of milk, if it meets the present quality for Grade A, "must result in a higher cost of all milk to the public."

The legal and milk divisions of the Board of Health yesterday prepared amendments to the sanitary code and milk regulations which will limit the sale of milk after Sept. 1, to Grade A, and may result in a rise in the price of milk for all consumers who have been buying Grade B. Since there is little difference in the qualities of both grades many consumers have taken advantage of the lower price but the new regulations threaten the existence of a cheaper priced milk.

The milk trusts have raised the price of milk three times last year and may be now preparing to give the public little better than Grade B milk at Grade A prices.

A public hearing will be held before the new amendments are incorporated into the code. Consumers must make their voices heard to stop this latest plan of the milk trusts to increase the price of milk.

Send Aid To Lincoln Vets, Franco Prisoners

Funds to send cigarettes and food to 400 prisoners formerly of the International Brigade now serving five-year sentences in Franco labor battalions and facing sentences to death or life imprisonment, will be raised at a party this Saturday night at the New Theater League, 110 W. 47th St.

If the scheduled courts-martial of these defenders of the Spanish people are allowed to continue, they will be sentenced to death or life imprisonment on charges of "having participated in military rebellion."

At the Saturday night affair, which is sponsored by this Committee, Bob Steck, recently returned after 17 months in a Franco concentration camp, will act as master of ceremonies, and entertainment will be furnished by Irwin Corey and Arthur Atkins of TAC, the Vagabond Puppeteers and a new dramatic group, "4 Nuts and a Bolt."

ALP War Clique Is High-Hat

Maintain 'Labor Club' At Exclusive Hotel

The old guard leadership of the American Labor Party—the Rose-Dubinsky pro-war clique—is not only bankrupt politically but is in extreme financial difficulties, it was learned yesterday.

For more than a year the old guard has maintained a "Labor Club" in the exclusive Algonquin Hotel, in the midtown area. But today the hotel management is taking steps to evict the old guard A. L. P. for non-payment of rent. The management has given the clubbers time to look around for other quarters.

The club, headed by Morris Ernst,

Rebukes Court For Slur to Labor Board

Injudicial Statement in Inland Steel Decision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Charles Fahy, general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, tonight assailed the seventh district court of appeals for making what he described as "non-judicial" statements in its decision overturning a board order against the Inland Steel corporation.

Fahy emphasized that he was not criticizing the court's decision, but that his ire was directed solely to a single line in the court's decision yesterday: "This record as a whole discloses the danger of imposing upon a single agency the multiple duties of prosecutor, judge, jury and executioner."

The court's decision set aside a board order directing the corporation to reduce to a written contract an agreement it reached with the CIO's Steel Workers Organizing Committee. The court also said that the order was invalid because trial examiner Charles Wood did not accord the company a fair hearing.

"No order of the board against an employer is final until approved by the courts," Fahy said. "It hardly seems proper to refer to the board as an executioner. I am not attacking the decision but the non-judicial statement of the court."

City to Build Wholesale Mart—Mayor

Mayor LaGuardia announced yesterday that the city intended to begin construction soon on an \$8,000,000 wholesale market, nine blocks long, on the West Side of the city.

He announced plans for the project at the convention of the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distributors at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday morning.

The Mayor said he expected opposition to the plan from many merchants in Washington Market area.

Officials of the Department of Markets said, however, that much of the opposition of former years to the project had been eliminated and it was believed the city would be able to get cooperation from the majority of wholesale merchants for construction of the vast market.

The Mayor added that the farmers were entitled to receive a larger share of proceeds from foodstuffs. He said that one of the reasons why they were not getting it was the high cost of food handling at terminals, particularly the Washington Market Terminal.

Hall Reporters To Lampoon City Officials

The City Hall Reporters' Association announced last night a new departure from its regular procedure at annual dinner and get-together with city officials.

Instead of offering professional entertainment, this year they will put on their own show with songs, skits and sketches letting the city fathers know exactly what they think of them.

The dinner and show will be held at Cavanaugh's on Jan. 25. All leading officials of the city have been invited to see themselves lampooned by the newsmen.

The Association, at its regular meeting, elected Irving Phillips, of the Journal of Commerce, as president of the organization for a year. Alex Pineberg, of the City News Association, was elected vice-president, and Frank MacMaster, of the Long Island Press, was elected secretary-treasurer.

James O'Leary, former president, will head the executive committee, which will consist of William Conklin, of the New York Times; William McCullam, Journal-American; Harry Raymond, Daily Worker, and the three executive officers.

U. S. Envoy Leaves Peiping for Chungking

PEIPING, Jan. 10 (UP).—United States Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson will proceed to Shanghai on Jan. 15 aboard the U. S. transport Henderson. It was announced today. From Shanghai Johnson will return to Chungking, provisional capital of the Chinese Government.

More Medicos May Resign in Hospital Row

25 of Sydenham Staff Have Quit Thus Far; More Expected

The fight started between the board of directors and the medical board entered its second round yesterday at Sydenham Hospital. It is estimated that 25 of the 253 staff doctors have now resigned, effective Feb. 1, and the number is expected to grow.

Adding to his charges against the doctors, Gustavus A. Rogers, newly appointed president, announced that "one of the ring leaders has gone so far as to practice violence against one of the attending physicians."

The encounter referred to took place between Dr. Alfred M. Hellman, president-elect of the New York County Medical Society, and Dr. Julius Jarcho, both attending obstetricians at Sydenham. Various versions of the clash are being aired but the known facts are that Dr. Jarcho suffered two broken ribs and that he was treated at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The hospital clash occurred a few days ago when a group of doctors walked out because they claimed that the new president was trying to dictate to the medical board. He was also charged with putting his personal physician into an important position in the hospital.

The trouble at the hospital has many ramifications, many dating back to a year ago when the hospital was reorganized after the American College of Surgeons had heard charges that the doctors there were splitting fees and calling in one another as specialists and consultants on hospital cases. As a result of the investigation some of the doctors lost their jobs and Dr. Hellman brought many prominent doctors onto the staff to raise the hospital's prestige with the American College of Surgeons.

Rogers said that he was within his rights in trying to regulate the medical board of the hospital. According to the manual of College Surgeons, the president and lay directors have the power to approve the constitution, by-laws and committee chairman selections made by the medical staff. The president states that when he tried to invoke his powers he was heckled by the rebellious doctors. He plans to call on the assistance of the American College of Surgeons, the County Medical Society and Academy of Medicine to prove his case.

In his latest statement to the press, Rogers said that the hospital was functioning efficiently and will be so continued. The board of directors regard the incident as closed.

Paul Whiteman III, Cause Undisclosed

MINEOLA, N. Y., Jan. 10 (UP).—Orchestra Leader Paul Whiteman is in "satisfactory" condition at Nassau hospital where he is suffering from an undisclosed illness, attaches said today.

Whiteman entered the hospital five days ago under the name of "James Black." Hospital officials declined to reveal the nature of his illness, reporting it not serious, and his physician, Dr. Gerald B. Hargan, could not be reached for comment.

Red-Baiting by Green Cited in Shoe Election

Endicott-Johnson Anti-Union Drive Boosted by AFL Chief

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 10.—William Green's red-baiting attacks upon the CIO and unrestrained mobilization by the company of its many agencies among the workers, yesterday brought victory for the open shop in the labor board poll at the four plants of the Endicott-Johnson Shoe Co.

Both the A. F. of L. and CIO unions that participated in the elections, indicated that a protest will be made against the conduct of the election and the illegal methods employed by the company to prejudice the vote.

The vote as announced following a day of balloting was, the Boot and Shoe Workers of the A. F. of L., 1,612; United Shoe Workers of the CIO, 1,079 and no union 12,693. The result was foreshadowed even before the balloting began by the "spontaneous" demonstration at the main plant which took the form of a parade of workers to express loyalty to George F. Johnson, founder of the firm.

"PRAYER" MOVEMENT

A request for postponement of the election was denied by the NLRB.

Another form of electioneering by the company, skillfully disguised to circumvent the Wagner Act ban on company interference in elections, was a "prayer" movement instigated by the Binghamton Sun in which Mr. Johnson has a controlling interest. It took the form of organizing batches of hundreds of workers in a march to churches to pray for recovery of the 82-year-old Mr. Johnson who is ill in a hospital of pneumonia. He was reported recovered two days earlier. Spokesmen for the company claimed the prayer campaign was "natural" because Mr. Johnson has been a heavy contributor to all churches here, kept all of them out of debt, and has the strong support of all clergymen.

The company's victory is now being loudly built up as a victory for its long-established paternal policy, its profit-sharing schemes and a score of other methods that help to hamstring the workers here within the "polished" company town condition.

If any chance for breaking through this long-nurtured system did exist, it was given a serious 12th-hour blow by Mr. Green, who as president of the A. F. of L., attracted much attention here when he addressed a meeting of the Boot and Shoe Union. His chief purpose in coming here was to tell the workers that the CIO is "dominated by a Communist clique" and is "more interested in promoting the revolution and destroying American ideals of freedom than getting workers better wages and better working conditions."

In face of such campaigning by the A. F. of L. and the division in the ranks of the workers, a defeat for the company was hardly conceivable.

Alliance Offers to Aid In 'Favoritism' Probe

Magistrate Orders Investigation of Charge by Woman That Her Relief Stopped When She Refused to Join Organization

Magistrate Matthew J. Troy of Brooklyn who ordered an investigation of statements by a woman that she had been "high-pressured into membership in the Workers Alliance" and that her relief had been held up because she didn't join, received a letter from the Alliance yesterday offering to aid him in his inquiry.

Mrs. Sadie Gorgine, hailed before him for using profane language at a Brooklyn relief station, told the magistrate that she had been unable to obtain medicines for her sick husband and clothing for herself because she refused to become an Alliance member. She also accused two investigators of urging her to join.

The Alliance letter to the magistrate informed him that the organization knew many facts concerning relief to be true and stated that its members suffered from these relief inadequacies.

The letter to the magistrate said:

"Yesterday you ordered an investigation of charges that members of the Workers' Alliance receive preferential treatment on relief. The newspapers are carrying prominent statements to that effect and are featuring the testimony of one Mrs. Sadie Gorgine."

"Mrs. Gorgine charges that since she left the Alliance some two weeks ago that relief checks have been delayed, that she had been forced to buy medicine with part of her food allowance, that she had been unable to get clothing, that she had been unable to get treatment for her sick husband. She is being persecuted, she says, because she failed to heed the advice of two home relief investigators and refused to organize the unemployed."

"We do not know whether her statements with respect to relief services are true in her particular case. We know that checks have been delayed. We know medical services are not adequate. We know clothing allotments have been cut drastically. We know clients are forced to use money for food, for rent and other necessities. We know and the Mayor's investigating committee confirmed it in 1935, that relief standards are 40 per cent below minimum subsistence standards."

"Our members have suffered, together with all relief clients, as a result of these conditions. The thousands of cases handled by our committees in the home relief bureaus are sufficient proof of this."

"Although Mrs. Gorgine's statements are apparently brought about by a constant reading of a press that never fails to prominently feature charges that the Alliance controls relief and WPA—no matter how irresponsible the source from which these charges come—it is easily proven that she is laboring under a complete de-

Sections Vie To Aid in Browder Drive

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Congressman in the 14th Congressional District, as an event of nation-wide significance," said the letter.

"We guarantee 100 of our best canvassers to be in the campaign committee headquarters ready for a day of intensive work."

The campaign committee has decided upon two door-bell ringing campaigns to cover all 34,000 registered voters of the district twice, before election day.

The response to the signature collectors, Appel said, is particularly encouraging. Many people who say they are not Communists or do not agree with Communists, sign the statement that they feel Browder is entitled to a "fair deal" and that he is not getting it.

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So, let's finish up. One last big push—and the job is done!

Labor Maps Drive to Curb Vigilante Terror on West Coast

Slaying of CIO Leader's Wife Spurs Action

Defense Committee Is Formed, Links High Officials to Crime

By Ellen McGrath
(Special to the Daily Worker)

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 10.—Organized labor in Grays Harbor is mobilizing to halt the reign of terror by anti-labor forces that has climaxed with violent death of a young wife and mother.

Mrs. Dick Law, a native of Finland and 26-year-old wife of a CIO official, was brutally slain Friday night and her home ransacked, while her small son slept in an adjoining room.

Pointing the finger at local city and county officials for permitting vigilanteism to rage unrestrained throughout the lumber area, a conference of CIO local and state officials charged local authorities with corruption and with attempting to frame Dick Law, executive board member of the International Woodworkers of America. The committee branded the act an abortive maneuver to cover up the forces responsible for the brutal murder.

With bitter irony, the trade unionists recalled that the persons who were whipping up hysteria in the harbor over the Finnish situation are strangely silent on the terror which climaxed in the brutal slaying of the young Finnish wife of a CIO official.

COMMITTEE NAMED
A committee of five from Aberdeen and the state CIO was the spearhead of the mobilization for restoration of community decency in Grays Harbor.

In a blistering attack on corruption in the lumber-dominated region, the committee issued the following statement:

"We, representatives of the CIO in Grays Harbor and the State of Washington in conference assembled declare Mrs. Dick Law is the first casualty in the reign of terror raging in the harbor, provoked by certain members of the Better Business with the apparent acquiescence of the mayor and city officials.

"We charge Mayor Horrocks, police and county officials with corruption and with now attempting to cover up their responsibility for slaying of Mrs. Law. We call for the restoration of community decency in Grays Harbor, with the crime that followed in the wake of unrestrained vigilanteism rampant in the harbor and threatening to spread throughout the Pacific Northwest.

"Realizing that such serious charges must be accompanied by evidence of a substantial character, we cite the following ominous developments as proof that plans are afoot now to charge the bereaved husband with the dastardly crime of which he is known to be innocent.

"First, conduct of the official inquiry to date justifies the lack of confidence the people of Grays Harbor have in Aberdeen and county officials. Luke S. May, the criminologist, is not, as the public has been led to believe, making a complete investigation of the crime. Mr. May told members of our committee that he is working under the direction of the prosecuting attorney and is investigating only 'certain aspects' of the crime. Prosecutor Krause Sunday informed us he has taken no steps to investigate the written threats received at about the time of the murder by other Aberdeen families.

"Secondly, no effort is being made to disclose the apparent motive for the crime. Persons who have openly boasted that they would drive Law and his family out of the community have not been questioned. Only last Nov. 23, Russell V. Mack, publisher of the Grays Harbor Washingtonian and member of the Better Business Builders, boasted at a meeting attended by Stephen Chadwick, past commander of the national American Legion, that the 'Dick Laws must go.'

"Thirdly, the medical examination of the body has been conducted in such a way as to attempt to cast suspicion on the bereaved husband.

"On Saturday Coroner John W. Stevenson noted several small wounds in the dead woman's left breast and said they were superficial, at least a week old and looked as though they might have been 'caused by a fork.' The obvious intended inference was that they were the result of a domestic difficulty. Another autopsy, however, disclosed that these wounds were caused at the time of death, were up to six and a half inches deep and were inflicted by an instrument such as an ice pick or stilettos.

"Fourthly, reporters for Aberdeen newspapers late Saturday began calling attorneys asking if it were not true that Mrs. Law had retained them to bring a divorce suit against her husband. As this is utterly untrue denials were made but the reports continue to be

NMU Demands Murphy Probe W. Coast Slaying

Declares Murder of Mrs. Dick Law Is Direct Vigilante Attack on Labor; All Maritime Locals Urged to Take Similar Action

Immediate investigation of the vigilante Better Business Builders of Aberdeen, Wash., members of which have been linked to the murder of Mrs. Dick Law, young wife of a CIO organizer, was demanded yesterday by the National Maritime Union in a letter to Attorney General Frank Murphy.

The letter, signed by Frederick N. Myers, union official, branded the slaying as "a brutal attack on organized labor" and requested that Murphy inform the union of what action he takes to probe the killing.

Evidence has already been adduced, according to the Washington Commonwealth Federation, to show that the murder was an incident in the ransacking of the Law home to obtain data which had been discovered tying up the Better Business Builders and public officials in the city to the attack upon the Finnish Hall recently.

"The killing of Mrs. Dick Law in Aberdeen, Wash., was a brutal attack aimed at organized labor," says the wire to Murphy. "We demand an immediate investigation of the Better Business Builders as a vigilante organization in Aberdeen and request you advise us your procedure."

Letters have gone out from the National offices of the N.M.U. to all ports in the East Coast and Gulf informing officials in those ports of the action taken by the union and urging them to take similar steps.

spread about the community. The intent of such actions is obvious.

"To protect the wives and families of other union men and to prevent an innocent man from being framed by the very forces who are responsible for the murder of his wife, we hereby call for the following federal action to restore civil rights and community decency in Grays Harbor.

DEMAND JURY PROBE
"We demand a federal grand jury to make a thorough and impartial probe into the murder of Mrs. Dick Law and the reign of terror on the harbor which is typified in her tragic death and in the destruction by a mob of the Finnish Workers hall. We also call upon Congressmen Martin F. Smith to request that the intolerable conditions on Grays Harbor be immediately brought to the attention of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee."

The statement was released by the five members of the committee in conference with state CIO officials and international officers of the IWA.

Committee members are Ted Dokter, president of the Grays Willapa Harbor district council of the International Woodworkers of America; Arthur Anderson, secretary of Local 2 IWA; Norman Mason, president of the Aberdeen CIO Council; H. I. Tucker, president Local 2 IWA; and H. J. Williams, chairman Grays Harbor Council of the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

BAKING PAN COMPLEXION
In modern gas and electric ovens, the color of the pan may make a lot of difference in the kind of cake you get.

If your pan is black or tarnished, the crust may burn before the inside of the cake is cooked. That is because a black or tarnished pan absorbs heat much more rapidly than a shiny utensil.

This does not mean you should stay away from using pans made of dark metals or pans that are tarnished for all baking purposes. Some products—like corn bread, crust. In that case, you would want for example—require a good thick pan that absorbs the heat rapidly.

The rule to remember, then, is this: The shinier the pan, the more delicate the crust; the darker the pan, the more well-done the crust—that is, providing the temperature used for baking is the same in each case. That holds in all ovens, especially in modern gas and electric ranges.

STORE APPLES WITH CARE
To store any quantity of apples, you need a cool basement with a good circulation of air through it.

Choose a dark spot. The cooler the storage space, the better, so long as it doesn't get below 32 degrees F. Apples keep their crisp quality much longer in low temperature. If the room is allowed to get warm, the apples will soon take on a mealy ripeness.

If you are an apartment dweller

Dies Shelters Crooks, Liars, NMU Charges

Curran Letter Urges Congress to Deny New Quiz Fund

Reminding Congress that the Dies Committee has been and is subsidizing "perjurers, murderers and criminals," the National Maritime Union asked yesterday that the Senate and House withhold further funds from the anti-labor, red-baiting probers.

Joseph Curran, president of the union, in a letter sent all senators and representatives, named two Dies Committee agents who have been exposed as labor spies within the ranks of the N.M.U.

The spies are William McQuiston, who was charged with complicity in the murder of an N.M.U. official in New Orleans following his expulsion from the union, and Arthur Thomas, alias Bert Thomas, one time Gulf District chairman of the maritime union also recently expelled for labor-spying activities for the shipowners.

"The Dies Committee," Curran's letter said, "has constantly attacked our organization. We are certain that the chairman, Martin Dies, speaks only for the reactionary elements in the country, including the shipowners."

"He has sunk to the place where he has to use known criminals to try and smear the good name of our organization and create the impression that it is controlled by outside sources."

A copy of the union constitution was enclosed with the letter. Curran points out that Professor Russell Nixon, of the Harvard Department of Economics, had pronounced it the most democratic union constitution in the United States.

"You will notice in our constitution," his letter continues, "provisions which protect our membership from control by any group or clique. In the opinion of officials of this union, this disproves the wild statement made by Chairman Dies and his friends, McQuiston and Thomas."

"After years of bitter struggle against employers who sought to keep us in dirty jobs, with miserable food and low wages, we have finally established an American institution—one which stands for high wages and good working conditions."

"That is REAL Americanism—which Chairman Dies is trying to help destroy."

Fish Handlers Win



Cod for New England fish chowder is being unloaded at wharves such as the one in Boston, above, after a strike of 1,200 fish handlers was finally averted at the last moment. Workers protested the introduction of a single pronged fork for the three pronged affair which has been used for the past 200 years. The new order would also have forced the men to handle frozen fish with their hands. A compromise was reached.

Calif. LNPL Rebukes Olson for Red-Baiting

Convention Resolution Reminds Him That Outburst, Believed Aimed at Bridges Is Typical Vigilante Tactic

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Gearing its organization for the most extensive political campaign labor has ever waged, the Third Convention of the California Labor's Non-Partisan League held here over the week-end, adopted a resolution sharply condemning red-baiting and its use in a speech by Governor Culbert L. Olson before the delegates.

The resolution admonished "electoral and public officials of California to devote their energies and abilities to promulgate the principles and purposes of the platform upon which they were given office rather than to the sinister divisions of political slander."

The resolution noted that "red-baiting is the method most commonly used by reactionary employers and political interests to undermine and destroy liberal projects and individuals," and that unprincipled persons are hired for the purpose of accusing "liberals of being Communists."

Also, the resolution continued, "this tactic, although exposed again and again, is now being used by reactionary forces seeking to return the administration of relief to the counties and to otherwise defeat the progressive program which California voters approved in 1938."

AIMED AT BRIDGES
Governor Olson's outburst against Communists was apparently timed to meet the entrance of Harry Bridges, California CIO leader, into the convention hall.

His attack took the form of a notice to "Communists and their fellow travelers" not to "try to drive me or tell me where to go." His tirade took the form of President Roosevelt's, supposedly aimed at "agents of a foreign power."

But the Governor's speech was sharply contrasted by that of Lieutenant Governor Patterson, who lashed out at red-baiting attacks

ALP Reform Parley Called For Saturday

Meeting to Inaugurate Drive to Change Leadership

The drive for a change in the state leadership of the American Labor Party will get under way formally on Sunday, January 14, with a meeting of the newly-organized Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party, Morris Watson, Chairman, announced today.

The meeting was called for Sunday in order that members and State Committeemen from update counties may be able to attend. It will be held at the headquarters of the committee, 77 Fifth Ave., at 2 P. M.

In the letter calling the meeting, Watson, Charles Belous, secretary and John O'Donnell, treasurer, indicated that the principal matter before the meeting would be plans for the election of progressive state committeemen in the April 2 primaries.

"The desperation of Alex Rose was clearly evidenced in the high-handed measures taken last Saturday to railroad undemocratic proposals through a packed meeting of stooge state committeemen," the letter said.

"From the response which has been pouring in to the office of our committee, it is clear that no subterfuge will save the Rose-Dubinsky clique from defeat. But we must marshal our forces now in order to make the most effective fight possible."

The Progressive Committee, composed of more than 200 prominent labor leaders and liberals in New York City and State, was organized two weeks ago to "rescue the American Labor Party from the reactionary elements which seek to control it for selfish purposes."

At last Saturday's meeting, two amendments to the rules were forced through. One was to permit proxy voting. The other changed state committee representation from 20 for each congressional district to 5 for each assembly district.

"Reactionary elements in the state leadership hope that these amendments will enable them to keep their stooges in key positions and prevent the membership from

Knoxville Mill Uses Dynamite Frame-up Against Strikers

Hosiery Workers Demand Full Probe After One Blast and One Planted Stick Is Found; Press Spreads Lie

(By Federated Press)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 10.—Aroused by a newspaper and mill campaign to blame strikers for the dynamiting of a private residence and the planting of an unexploded stick inside the closely guarded plant of the Holston Mfg. Co., the executive committee of Branch 94, American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO), has demanded a full investigation.

The hosiery workers struck the Holston mill early last September. Recently the mill has been trying to operate with a small force of scabs.

On Jan. 3 dynamite or some other explosive caused plaster to fall in the bedroom of a non-striking worker. It barely missed a 9-year-old child. Simultaneously, Knoxville's labor-hating police force announced the discovery of a stick of dynamite within the mill.

Branch 94's executive committee met immediately afterward and asked "the proper officials to make an effort to determine how dynamite was placed inside this heavily guarded mill with closed windows."

The police have intensified a campaign of arrests on the picket line, although their side of the box score showed "no runs, no hits, many errors" after the union had provided bonds, employed an attorney and forced court hearings.

Charges against 34 Holston strikers were dropped Jan. 6, when City Judge R. P. Williams pointed out there was no evidence against them. All had been seized for "disorderly conduct."

controlling party policies," Watson said today.

"The last amendment gives small assembly districts, with only a few enrolled ALP voters, the same representation on the State Committee as districts of 10 and 15,000 here in New York City."

"The Progressive Committee is confident, however, that the membership will refuse to be taken in by any such tactics and will fight all the harder to regain control of their organization."

CLAIMS SOLUTION OF SOLAR CALENDAR: Dr. Jonathan Johnson, at the University of Pittsburgh, who recently announced that he had figured out the date of the beginning of the Egyptian solar calendar as June 18, 2251 B. C.

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Household Corner

BAKING PAN COMPLEXION
In modern gas and electric ovens, the color of the pan may make a lot of difference in the kind of cake you get.

If your pan is black or tarnished, the crust may burn before the inside of the cake is cooked. That is because a black or tarnished pan absorbs heat much more rapidly than a shiny utensil.

This does not mean you should stay away from using pans made of dark metals or pans that are tarnished for all baking purposes. Some products—like corn bread, crust. In that case, you would want for example—require a good thick pan that absorbs the heat rapidly.

The rule to remember, then, is this: The shinier the pan, the more delicate the crust; the darker the pan, the more well-done the crust—that is, providing the temperature used for baking is the same in each case. That holds in all ovens, especially in modern gas and electric ranges.

STORE APPLES WITH CARE
To store any quantity of apples, you need a cool basement with a good circulation of air through it.

Choose a dark spot. The cooler the storage space, the better, so long as it doesn't get below 32 degrees F. Apples keep their crisp quality much longer in low temperature. If the room is allowed to get warm, the apples will soon take on a mealy ripeness.

If you are an apartment dweller



Ann Sheridan casts her milinery vote for the beret vogue which has come back this winter season. Her wineberry suede cloth beret has a softly shirred crown, is fitted closely to the head in back and finished with a large soft bow.

or don't have facilities for storing, buy in quantity only if you are able to divide up your apples with neighbors or friends.

Definite savings are to be had by buying apples which weighs about

48 pounds, with what you would have to pay if you purchased the fruit pound-by-pound. Do the same for a box of apples, which weighs about 44 pounds, or a barrel holding 140 pounds of apples. With cool storage space, average-sized families can use at least a bushel or a box of apples before the apples go bad.

SUBMERGED LEMONS STAY FRESH LONGER

The Swiss Economist who thought up the idea of storing reserve supplies of oil and wheat by submerging them in the Swiss lakes was only runner-up to the American consumer who discovered that lemons stay fresh longer if they are kept in a jar of cold water. Lemons left in their wrappers shrivel quicker than the submerged lemons and dry out faster.

Lemon buyers will avoid getting figurative lemons when they make their lemon purchases by looking for fine-tipped, heavy specimens. These will be juicier and of better quality than the light weight, coarse thick-skinned varieties. Juice content is related to the thickness of rind, and to some extent to maturity. Deep yellow lemons may be juicier, but they aren't as desirable as the light green-yellow lemons. The latter have a high acid content and acid is what you look for in this flavor-food. Decay appears as a mold or soft area at the stem end of the lemon or elsewhere. Discard shriveled and hard-skinned fruits and those that are soft and spongy.

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Chamberlain Wants Our Boys to Help Crush Peace

• Just as Americans are saying "the Yanks are NOT coming" so the people of Scotland are saying "the Campbells are NOT coming," either.

A wireless message to the Times yesterday reveals that Chamberlain's Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson, was greeted with a shower of telegrams from Scottish women saying: "Urgent, women of Edinburgh want peace."

This is the expression of the peoples in all the countries of the world. The people of England listened to Chamberlain's speech once more yesterday and they did not hear a single word which made it clear to them why English youth should shed its blood.

In France, the war-makers are so fearful of the message of peace that Communists are gagged and flung out of the Chamber of Deputies at the same time that Leon Blum, Socialist Party leader, whines to the workers to get them to accept a 15 per cent slash in wages. These wage cuts, while France's 200 aristocratic families go untaxed, are showing the French people the true character of the war as a bankers' war, not a people's war.

In England, Sir John Anderson admits sadly that there is a "widespread feeling that the war is not worth while." In France, Daladier rules through Hitler-like decrees which have wiped out every vestige of democratic liberty while the rich get richer.

No wonder Chamberlain yesterday made a bid, more impudent than ever before, for the manpower of the United States to help the British Empire in the defense of its colonial loot from a rival imperialist. Talking to the American people, Chamberlain had the gall to say yesterday that they "must not hesitate to use our blood and treasure to so great an end." Chamberlain feels the popular demand for peace rising higher and higher in England and France. He wants the United States to help him crush this yearning for peace by joint war against the Soviet Union.

This plan to crush the popular will for peace in an anti-Soviet war is expressed most crassly by the military expert of the reactionary French paper, Le Temps, which gives up the pretenses of "liberating" the German people from Hitlerism and demands immediate military action against the Soviet Union by way of Finland.

Yes, indeed. They want American blood to save their imperialist war, to drown the cry for peace. They have the help of people like Frieda Kirchwey of The Nation who writes, "Peace, if it came soon, would be a calamity."

But the yearning for peace will not down. The American people cannot be content with the pious "hopes" which President Roosevelt gives them that our boys will not go to the trenches. The people want the war to stop now! They oppose all actions which keep it going. They feel as the Scottish women of Edinburgh do—peace is urgent.

Sokolsky in a Rage

• It was interesting to watch George Sokolsky, the Steel Trust lackey, foam at the mouth in his column in the Herald Tribune. What got Sokolsky so furious this time was the protest of some 60 leading educators and writers against the prosecution of Earl Browder on a passport technicality as an infringement of the Bill of Rights.

In his rage, Sokolsky spoke of these eminent Americans as "boys and girls." Naturally, anyone who stands up for the Bill of Rights irritates Sokolsky. But it seems that prominent educators who support the Bill of Rights make him especially apoplectic. Has it anything to do with the fact that the self-righteous Mr. Sokolsky was dishonorably expelled from Columbia University many years ago?

Why the Secrecy?

• Secrecy hovered over President Roosevelt's interview with the group of churchmen who came to protest the recent appointment of Myron C. Taylor as U. S. envoy to the Vatican.

Roosevelt pledged his visitors to secrecy and asked that the "peace objectives" which he outlined be separated from the 14 points of Woodrow Wilson. These 14 points are now historically notorious since they proved

to be the smokescreen for an enormous deception of the American people in 1917.

It is, surely, an odd kind of peace objective which seems to demand such secrecy. What is there so secretive about peace? The people want it, without delay. They have nothing to gain from the continuation of the war. Neither the Anglo-French war aims nor those of the German government have the slightest value for the common people of the world. It is a "family quarrel" among rival plunderers. If the President wants to aid peace, all he has to say is that the United States wants the war to stop and will help to stop it. Nothing complicated or secretive in such an approach.

Merely for the sake of the record, we recall what the columnists of the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" wrote the other day, Dec. 29: "Certain powerful forces in Germany and England would not be averse to patching up their own row and then encouraging a politico-religious war against Soviet Russia. This would meet with the approval of Italy. And there are potent people in the U. S. State Department also who would welcome such a move. Whether the Myron Taylor mission to Rome just initiated by Roosevelt will take this turn remains to be seen—but it may."

Is this the explanation for the President's secrecy?

Support the Rescue Ships

• The American people can perform a great humanitarian service by supporting the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign, now attempting to finance Rescue Ships to transport a great number of the 150,000 Spanish refugees to Latin America.

These refugees are living amidst indescribable hardships in French concentration camps. The French government has diminished its persecution of these victims of the Franco terror, only to the extent that it has felt protest from the people of France and of other countries.

So long as the Franco regime refuses to give guarantees of political amnesty and against reprisals, these refugees must not be permitted to be driven back to Spain. The Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign is now waging a drive for these necessary guarantees.

Meanwhile, the job is to bring as many of the refugees as possible to Central and South America, where several thousand have already been settled. The task of providing them with work in their new homelands will be furthered by a Pan-American conference in Mexico City beginning Feb. 7.

Upon the people of the United States falls a moral duty to finance the Rescue Ships to bring to the Western Hemisphere these people who fought so bravely for democracy against the Hitler and Mussolini intervention and plots of Chamberlain and our own State Department.

The Five-Cent Fare In Danger

• In all of the discussion coming from Mayor LaGuardia on transit unification, nothing whatever is said of the five-cent fare or the rights of labor. Yet a real danger exists on both these scores.

The price which the city administration proposes to pay for the private lines is exorbitant and the danger is that the subway riders will be called to bear the burden in a higher fare. The banking and real estate interests, seeking to get out of the little taxes that they pay to the general tax revenue which covers operation of the Independent system, will be pressing to put the costs of unified operation on the backs of subway passengers. It is established, however, that there is no need whatever for a raise in fare if unification is to serve the interests of the people.

It is a known fact that the Wicks law, a slick anti-labor measure, hangs over the head of the Transport Workers Union which has won many gains for the transit workers and which is their sword and shield. Unification at the expense of the TWU will be a blow to labor and will jeopardize the safety of the public.

Before the people can give a clean bill to present plans for transit unification, they want to know what safeguards there are for the five-cent fare and for labor.

Reader Finds Key to Problems of Our Time in Marxist Writings; Cites Lenin's Letter to American Workers

Editor, Daily Worker:

The current mass sale of Joseph Stalin's "Foundations of Leninism" reflects the growing awareness on the part of American Communists of the paramount task of mastering and disseminating the theory of scientific socialism.

We must not only explain to the people the significance of daily events, of each particular twist and turn in world affairs; this is important, but not enough. We must also help our fellow-workers to learn the nature of capitalist society, the struggle for socialism, the tactics and strategy employed by the Soviet Union—in a word, Marxism-Leninism.

Nothing is so much like the Fountain of Youth today as the great classics of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. These leaders are great because they under-

UNDER THE IMPERIALIST KNIFE



—Gabriel, in the London Daily Worker.

NEWS ITEM: French workers have just had 15 per cent of their wages deducted by the Daladier Government for war funds, the Communist Party has been declared illegal, labor conditions are rapidly worsening and unemployment is increasing. The Chamber of Deputies continued to exclude Communist deputies in violation of the Constitution.

An Editorial

The Federal Administration Trots Out Its Van der Lubbe

• The expected appearance of Nicholas Dozenberg as the Van der Lubbe in the Federal Administration's drive against the Communist Party and civil liberties has materialized. According to the press he is to be the "star witness" of Department of Justice's cooked-up passport prosecution of Earl Browder.

All along it has been clear that the Administration's case against Browder was as weak as water, and that the whole thing was trumped up to silence the Party's voice for peace. But the saintly Attorney General Murphy, preferring underhanded technique, dare not tackle the Communists on the issue of peace because this represents the uppermost desire of the American people.

Unable to get any bona fide evidence, the Department fished out the discredited unknown, Dozenberg, with a view to bolstering their flimsy indictment against Browder and hoping to cook up some fantastic "conspiracy" or "foreign agent" charge against the Communist Party. That is why the press, cooperating with the Department, built up Dozenberg as some terribly important "Soviet agent." A bigger lie was never concocted. They even tried to palm him off as a "former General Secretary of the Communist Party." But the only prominence that Dozenberg ever had—if any at all—was as an agent of the professional intriguer and proven enemy of Labor, Lovestone. His present role as stool-pigeon for the Department of Justice shows that he is still in the Lovestone practice. When the bourgeoisie needs some "expert" to attack the Communists and the working class generally, it picks up the scum of the earth.

Attorney General Murphy—whom the President would now thrust upon the Supreme Court—has taken on so many of the despised methods of the Dies Committee that the Department of Justice and Dies are almost indistinguishable. Who is it that has perfected the disreputable system of using stool-pigeons, criminals and professional liars to convict and smear the innocent but Dies? This time Murphy has found an international example in the person of Hitler, who burned down the Reichstag and then used the dupe Van der Lubbe to frame the Communists and the incomparable Dimitroff.

The new "star witness" of Federal Prosecutor Cahill only shows how outrageous is the "legal" prosecution of Browder and other Communist leaders. As long as this indictment stands against him, the Bill of Rights and the whole framework of civil liberties is in the gravest danger.

If, in its drive toward war, the Federal Administration can use its Van der Lubbes to prop up flimsy pretexts against Browder and to invent "foreign agent conspiracies" against the Communist Party, then free public expression will indeed become an empty phrase. The threat of Van der Lubbes hangs over the heads of all trade unionists, progressives and other democratic Americans who oppose the Administration's program of war and hunger.

The American people—particularly the workers—should thunder their protests to the Department of Justice in Washington against the persecution of Browder. The precious liberties of the people are hanging in the balance. Only the people's protests can save them.

Letters from Our Readers

Brooklyn Communists Thank Ben Davis for 'G.W.T.W.' Review

Editor, Daily Worker:
This is a copy of a letter sent to Ben Davis, Jr., of the editorial staff of the Daily Worker:
"Dear Comrade Davis:
"At the last meeting of our unit we discussed thoroughly your excellent review of that vicious film, "Gone With the Wind."

"Our entire membership expressed great pride in our Daily Worker for being vigilant against chauvinism and bigotry of any variety.

"We are especially thankful to you for your masterful attack and expose of those who aim to impose a new reign of terror and slavery on the American people.
"We join you in the fight against chauvinism and race hatred."

Takes Radio Station to Task For Anti-Soviet Broadcast

New York City.
Editor, Daily Worker:
This is a copy of a letter sent to Radio Station WMCA:—
"Gentlemen:
"We listen regularly to your dramatization of news events over Five Star Final at 7:30 P. M.
"While listening this evening, we were amazed to hear your version of a 'captured Russian soldier.' What was your purpose in this distorted portrayal? The American people are fast reaching the saturation point with the anti-Soviet propaganda of the radio and the press.
"We shall continue to tune in on your news programs, but wish to point out that such obvious distortions serve to discredit your station and your program. Such distortions are convincing proof to the working class why it should own the means of communication."
V. S.

Questions and Answers

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER



Question—Why do the Communists in the belligerent countries demand peace—why not let the war go on and concentrate everything upon a direct struggle for Socialism?

Answer—The first decisive reason why the Communists are demanding peace is that, our Party's interests being identical with those of the masses, it necessarily joins with them in trying to put an end to the senseless butchery and horrors of the war. For the Communists to fail to fight for peace would mean to abdicate political leadership and to betray the masses into imperialist slaughter, demoralization and reaction.

Secondly, the struggle for peace brings the masses into direct conflict with the imperialist capitalist class, which wants war. If, despite the masses' overwhelming desire for peace, the imperialists continue to prosecute the war, the fight for peace takes on greater intensity and sharper forms, and the masses will look more and more towards Socialism as the way out of their difficulties. Should the war be carried on to the point of exhausting the belligerent powers, or to a heavy defeat of one group of them, undoubtedly it will be followed by a wide extension of Socialism.

Thirdly, the masses never voluntarily turn to war, civil or international; their chosen ways to accomplish their political ends are those of peace and democracy. With the establishment of peace the masses would redouble their fight for freedom and prosperity. Capitalist economic contradictions have grown so acute that the present system can be kept going only by such emergency measures as government housing projects, vast armaments programs, and various kinds of "lending—spending" schemes. Should peace be achieved, even after this short spell of war, it would be followed by a great economic crisis and an enormous sharpening of the class struggle. Broad people's front movements, aiming at shattering the position of finance capital and thereby clearing the road for a democratic advance towards Socialism, would be the order of the day in many countries. The growing seriousness of the economic crisis and the intensification of the class struggle are the reasons why the capitalists are just about as much alarmed at the prospect of peace as they are at the continuation of the war. The fight for peace is the present-day fight for Socialism.

The fourth elementary reason why the Communists strive to put an end to the war now is the need of the Soviet Union for peace. The U.S.S.R., the great fortress of world Socialism, requires peace in order to develop its economy, and the more it strengthens itself and gives a practical demonstration of the workability of Socialism, the more of a revolutionary beacon light it becomes to the oppressed millions of the earth. The U.S.S.R. also needs peace so that it and the workers of the world will be better able to ward off the attempts of the capitalists to launch a general anti-Soviet war. War conditions, with their jingoistic hysteria and suppression of democratic rights, provide the capitalists a far more favorable opportunity to organize their projected war against the U.S.S.R. than do times of peace. Should the reactionaries succeed in starting this anti-Soviet war, however, it will surely produce heavy collisions between the proletariat and bourgeoisie in many lands. In these struggles Lenin's famous slogan would play a vital role; for, undoubtedly, the workers in the warring countries would seek to transform the anti-Soviet war into one against capitalism and for Socialism.

W. Z. Foster

The N.Y. Times Is Afraid Of China's Independence

• The New York Times says it is for "the independence of nations." China is fighting for its national independence. Does that mean that the New York Times wants to help China fight for its independence? An honest man would say yes. But the New York Times is not quite honest; it serves Wall Street investment interests.

Hence, its editorial on Monday on China very delicately but persistently attacks the idea that China can really enjoy complete and thorough national independence. It declares:

"The Chiang Kai-shek government is committed to peace on terms tantamount to the complete defeat of the Japanese aims in China. . . . It is not wholly inconceivable that another Government might be able to negotiate terms with Japan that might be accepted by the Chinese."

In plain language, the Times does not want the "complete defeat of the Japanese aims in China." It therefore suggests plain treason against the present government because the present Chinese government really wants to free the Chinese nation from "Japanese aims."

The significant thing in the whole business is that the Times counsels this treachery against China just at the moment when the Japanese invaders are getting weak and the Chinese military actions are turning from a defensive to an offensive character. In short, the Times is afraid that the Chinese may actually win their independence and the Japanese militarists may be severely trounced, with revolutionary social repercussions in Japan itself.

What it wants is a Japan weak enough to enable Wall Street to tell it what to do—to use its Japanese rival for war against the U.S.S.R.

The ardent eloquence about the "independence of Finland" is not only fraudulent in itself (since it hides the enslavement of Finland by Wall Street and London financial interests); it is a fraud from the point of view that the "save Finland" boys are really the traitors to real national independence everywhere. China is the proof.

On The Score Board

A Whole Lot of Basketball Conversation

By Lester Rodney

At the Basketball Writers Dinner

ERNIE MESSIKOMER, 25-year-old coach of the Temple team that meets St. Johns here Friday, got up and began shyly:

"You don't know how strange it seems for me to be getting up here to talk to you as a coach... across the table from Joe Lapchick... I remember when I was a kid in Philadelphia how I used to save those nickels and dimes to see the great Celtics come to town with Nat Holman and Joe Lapchick..."

"Well, we have a pretty fair ball club. We're Philadelphia boys and play much the same type of ball as New York teams. We lost to Southern California and Oregon, but we came along to beat Oklahoma, Texas and Georgetown."

"It's a small team except for Henderson, our big center who you remember. He's a senior and the others are all sophomores. They're all fast, all good set shots and move. I think they're what you'd call a crowd pleasing team."

"About this one hand shot, well, the Western teams have shown its feasibility, but I don't think it's right to say that the West dominates basketball now. I remember the East dominating it, and for a little while the Midwest and there are always good teams in all sections. For myself, I always felt as a player and now as a coach that the toughest game was waiting for us when we came in to play New York teams. I think we're all learning a little, however, from the new game and changing our tactics to suit. We'd be left behind if we didn't."

New Trick by Western Boys

"One thing some of those Western boys have shown me that I think is alright is the stopping dead and changing direction to go on in. We do that too to an extent, but those fellows are using that to score—driving in hard, stopping and changing direction completely."

"I'd like to tell you who's our best scorer, but can't, because they all score, and have been taking turns. One night Bechtloff will score best, then Rosenberg and so on. That's about all. If there are any questions anyone wants to ask..."

"I'd like to ask a question, Ernie," grinned Joe Lapchick. "Whose turn is it Friday?"

"But really," went on the genial St. John's mentor, "I've seen Temple play and I think Ernie is to be commended for doing a great job. I think you'll find they play a lot like N.Y.U. Drive, speed, follow through, smart ball handling and don't throw it away. And a very tight defense."

"By the way, I want to thank the writers for their condolences on the death of my father. I remember the first time I bought my basketball suit home and washed it and hung it on the line outside to dry. My father took a look at it and said, 'How many people see these here games?' I told him about a thousand. 'And you mean to say you ain't ashamed of yourself running around that way in front of all those people?' he gasped."

Jerry Hines, coach of the New Mexico Aggies team that took the Garden by storm last year with its picturesque and devastating fast break that almost beat LIU in the tourney, and which met the Blackbirds again Friday, said:

"Big Jackson is our only veteran, but in some ways we're an even better team." Whereupon Claire Bee moaned, "Get this damned cowboy out of here!"

"I've been listening to a lot of talk about the one hand shot, and my team does a lot of it. Here's an angle on that one hand shot, in 10 cases out of 10 he played in some little backyards high school where there was no coach and the boys just naturally got to shooting one hand. You want to let them do it that way then, I guess. It's a good shot for a kid to have. But if I get one with nothing to learn, I'll teach him the two hand set first, and let him pick up the one hander for the shorter shots. There's no doubt that there's more accuracy in the two hander from outside the circle."

Claire Bee didn't have too much to say except that he was going to start the tall and lean youngster Beenders Friday night in place of Schechtman, who had his nose broken in a scrimmage. Beenders is a promising youngster. Also that he would use Ehlers, a big senior who dropped off the squad for a while but suddenly came back and began to click. See the feature elsewhere on this page.

Auerbach, Garfinkle Tops—Bee

Here's one for you, though. In chatting with Bee later and asking him what he thought of Ralph Kaplowitz, NYU's great sophomore, we were somewhat astounded to have the astute LIU mentor say:

"Kaplowitz is a good boy, but how can you compare him with another boy on that team..." and just as you got ready to hear a tribute to Bobby Lewis, Clair continued, "Why this boy Auerbach is the guy to rave about. He and Garfinkle stand way out. Two best basketball players in the city by far."

"Why Auerbach? Hell, that boy does everything out there. Just watch him. Moves in for shots, sets up plays, uses his head in there time, a wonderful average on set shot. You'll see him drive in there and make something happen and next thing you know he's way back in the backcourt to pick up the other team on the way down. Give me either him or Garfinkle and nobody'll beat us. We haven't got a leader out there this year like Torgoff. As for Garfinkle, why he's great. And he'd be even greater if he went under more himself instead of staying back all the time to set them up from the backcourt."

WHAT'S ON

Tonight

EAST RIDE DRAMATIC Group presents "Room-Boom Clapper." Neighborhood Playhouse, 466 Grand St., NYC. 8:40 P.M. 3 other performances, Jan. 12-14.

AIDNEY GITTLEMAN speaks on "Bill of Rights" at open meeting. All Welcome. Club "No Passer," 112 E. 52 St. 11th St. 8:30 P.M.

CHARLES ALEXANDER, prominent speaker, "The War Crisis and the Colonial and Minority Peoples." All Welcome. Admission Free. Tom Mooney Bldg., 108 E. 14th St. 8:30 P.M.

CLARENCE HATHAWAY, Daily Worker editor, exposes "Finland Behind the Headlines." Brownsville Community Center, 381 Rockaway Ave., Brooklyn. 8 P.M. Brownsville Division, YCL.

Tonorrow

WAXLEY JOHNSON analyzes "News of the Week" every Friday, 8:30 P.M. All

questions answered. People's Forum, 52 E. 13th St.

JOE NORTH, editor, New Masses, News of the Week analysis, "The American Press and the War." Progressive Forum, 430 Sixth Ave., NYC. 8:15 P.M. Subs. 20c.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION, WORKERS SCHOOL—Winter term has begun. You still can register this week for classes. 35 E. 12th St., Room 301, 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.

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Fred, Melio Winner Next Conn Victim

Apostoli, Bettina in Return Bout Feb. 2 for Right to Meet Billy in Title Fight—Rico Injured Hand, Loses to Flores

By Stan Kurman

No matter how Billy Conn made out as a heavyweight against Henry Cooper at Madison Square Garden last night, the Pittsburgh kid is due for at least one more lightheavy title defense.

What may be Billy's final bow as a light-heavy is slated for Miami in March. It won't be too much of a problem for Billy, as his slated opponent is the winner of the Fred Apostoli-Melio Bettina return bout at the Garden Feb. 2.

Billy has beaten each of them twice and it would be the most stunning of upsets for either to come through against him now.

FRED SHOULD COP

Fred, who took an undeserved decision from Melio last week, should cop more easily this time. But even with that win under his belt he's slowed up so badly that he couldn't give Conn more than a workout now. Of course, Fred can still sock, but he's hit the skids so badly in the past year that the best thing he could do is quit.

In rematching Bettina and Apostoli, number one challenger Gus Lesnevich is neatly overloked. He deserves the next fight with Conn and any fighter with title ambitions should have to meet Gus first. But neither Melio nor Fred would stand much of a show against Gus. Bettina is pretty well out of the picture. He hasn't improved any and is still a rugged mauler with little but a confusing lefty style and a good punch. Melio, who deserved at least a draw against Fred, certainly won't be any more of a problem next time. Conn proved that the Beacon southpaw is much easier to fight in a second meeting once you get his unusual style down pat.

The March title fight is planned for Miami for the simple reason that it wouldn't draw in New York. Local fans enjoyed seeing Apostoli when he was at his prime. They're not keen on seeing a former idol who no longer should be fighting take a licking.

It all boils down to the old story of a guy who has to continue fighting because it's the only way he can make a living.

GOOD UNDERNEATH CARD

The rest of the card on the Apostoli-Bettina card is a pretty good one. Sammy Angott, number two lightweight challenger, faces Pete Lillo, kyo winner over sensational Lew Jenkins, in the semi-final eight, while Billy Marquardt gets another big-time chance in a second eight or Primo Flores, who virtually clinched the fight by beating Chester Rice in

the Coliseum feature Tuesday night. Jenkins was originally supposed to top the show against Lello or Angott, but the match fell through when Lew asked for too much dough.

RICO'S HAND INJURED

Clever young Chester was going along pretty well in his first big-time fight against Flores until he broke the index finger of his right hand in the third round. That finished Chester, and slugging Primo, one of the outstanding lightweights around, won every round thereafter except the eighth, when the Italian kid made a sparkling comeback.

Chester started fast, outboxing Primo to take the first two rounds clean. Chester kept his left out and crossed with a slinging right. If Rico had something behind his punch—he's still young enough to develop a sock—he might have scored a kyo. As it was, Flores started going in the third with a terrific body attack which bore Rico down.

The kid didn't win, but he proved he could take it. It was only his second loss in twenty-five fights. You'll be hearing plenty from Chester Rico.

In the co-feature eight, Bep Van Klaveren was too tough for young Ernie Vigh in a slam-bang middle-weight test. Ernie, another kid you'll be hearing from, had Bep groggy in the first, but couldn't put the cagey vet away. After that the Dutch slugger came back to win going away.

STOLZ WINS

Allie Stolz came back winging to the top-notch feathers by beating clever Jack Sharkey, Jr. in the top eight at the Broadway Arena Tuesday night. If Allie keeps away from guys like Pete Scalzo for a while, he'll come along.

Late Thursday Night Scores

Utah 41, California 39
Oregon 46, Idaho 36
Santa Clara 57, College of Pacific 40
Texas 31, Southern Methodist 24
Franklin & Marshall 46, Albright 30
Delaware 27, Haverford 23
Susquehanna 50, Scranton 40
Dayton 42, Wittenberg 39
Alabama 46, Tulane 29
Brooklyn Poly 41, Brooklyn Pharm. 23
Colgate 45, Cornell 34
Georgia 41, Sewanee 38
Maryland 32, Duke 20
Wake Forest 57, South Carolina 38

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RED ROLFE

5 Yanks Put on All-Star Team By Nation's Sports Scribes

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10 (UP).—The National League placed only two players—outfielder Joe Medwick and pitcher Bucky Walters—on the 1939 all-star team announced tonight by

Utrecht Noses Out Erasmus, 25-23

In the most exciting game played on the Bensonhurst court this year, New Utrecht nosed out the fighting Erasmus Hall quintet yesterday, 25-23. It was quite an achievement for the Green and White, as Erasmus held championship Madison to a two-point margin.

The score was tied, 14-14, at the half, and see-sawed through the second half, but the sharpshooting of Presti, who scored 13 points, was decisive. Weinberg also came through in the pinch, sinking a foul at the end to establish the two-point margin and enable Utrecht to freeze the ball successfully.

For Erasmus, little Maykum was a spark-plug with 9 and Fleischman tallied 6. Utrecht meets the Madison tornado on Feb. 1.

By MARTIN ROSENBLUM, Utrecht Correspondent.

Trawler Sunk

BRANT ROCK, Mass., Jan. 10 (UP).—The 80-ton Gloucester fishing vessel Hoop-La struck a submerged object and sank 15 miles east of the Gurney Coast Guard station early today. Her 13-man crew reached shore safely in a tender.

Lester Rodney, Daily Worker Sports Editor and one of the 259 writers who voted in the Sporting News poll, picked the consensus team all the way down with the exception of Bob Johnson of the A's for Joe Medwick in left field.

Rodney pointed out last fall when he announced his selections that the underrated Johnson, who had batted in more than a hundred runs for a pathetically weak seventh place club deserved the choice over Medwick, who had an off-year.

busting outfielder of the Boston Red Sox, was the only rookie to gain a place on the club.

The Yankees landed five men on the first team; the Red Sox placed three.

Named on the first team were Joe Medwick, St. Louis Cardinals, left field; Joe DiMaggio, Yankees, center field; Ted Williams, Red Sox, shortstop; Robert Rolfe, Yankees, third base; Bill Dickey, Yankees catcher, and Charles Ruffing, Yankees, Bucky Walters, Cincinnati, and Bob Feller, Cleveland, pitchers.

It was the seventh time Cronin was named on the team since 1925. Feller was the only member of a club that finished lower than second place to be selected.

Skywriter Explodes; Pilot Jumps Safely

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 10 (UP).—A sky-writing plane burst into flames while flying over the city at noon today and crashed in a vacant lot near the downtown section.

The pilot, Art Davis, parachuted to safety while mid-day crowds watched from the streets. Davis was burned, but how seriously was not determined immediately.

Madison 'Wonder 5' Swamps Lincoln

Unbeaten Brooklyn Quintet Roars to 33rd Straight With 45-20 Victory Over Old Rivals

Poor Lincoln! They caught the rebound of the greatest high school basketball team the city has seen in ten years and were swamped by James Madison on the Ocean Park-

way court yesterday, 45-20.

COURT NOTES

Cornell, riding pretty high in the Ivy League, took it on the chin from Colgate Tuesday night in another overtime jaunt. . . . The all-vet Red Raiders netted 13 points in the overtime period to three for Cornell. . . . which was enough to cop, 45-36. . . . Collins, Colgate ace, topped the scorers with 20 points.

. . . The up-staters will give NYU a ball game when they come down in a couple of weeks. . . .

Texas, smart, deliberate team which shellacked Manhattan here a short while back, is proving the class of the Southwest. . . . Licked powerful Southern Methodist, 31-24.

Madison's tall team, unbeaten now in 33 straight games over two years, had almost been beaten by an underdog Erasmus team last week and apparently got all the bad basketball out of their system, for they clicked from the start against the Lincoln team, breezing into a lead and widening it as the game went on. It was 20-7 at the half as outclassed Lincoln fought valiantly but in vain against the zone defense and quick break of the champs. Larry Baxter and Stan Waxman scored 18 and 15 respectively, while Sol Glogower managed to get 7 against the tornado.

After the game Madison Coach Jimmy Moscovitis said, "We were all keyed up and played our best game." Lincoln Coach Klaskin looked as though he wanted to say ruefully "We shoulda' stood in bed," but paid tribute to Madison and admitted that it looked as though they would cop the championship again.

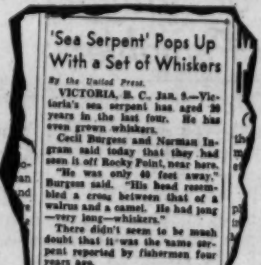
Pearl Huberman, Lincoln Correspondent

5 of His Boys Make Writers' All-American



JOE MCCARTHY

'TELEGRAM' 6 MONTHS BEHIND ON SEA-SERPENT STORY, TOO!



SOME SCOOP!

The "Telegram" is six months behind the Daily Worker again! Marmaduke, the sea serpent with whiskers, made his debut on this page back in July, and is now hibernating on the bottom of the sea for a while with his wife and kids.

by del

LITTLE LEFTY

